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THE NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY BOARD NAMES  
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

Long Beach, CA - The [National Child Passenger Safety Board](http://www.nsc.org) (NCPSB) is pleased to announce the 2016 Technician of the Year is Patricia Corwin, from Columbus, Ohio, who was nominated by John Bolte. The NCPSB annually recognizes an exemplary technician for his or her work and dedication to this field. The U.S. has more than 37,000 certified child passenger safety (CPS) technicians trained to educate caregivers on the installation and proper use of car seats, booster seats and seatbelts for optimal occupant protection.

“We are so pleased to honor Ms. Corwin for the work she has done,” said Audrey Eagle, NCPSB Chair. “Her efforts are an outstanding example of the important education CPS technicians provide nationally.”

Corwin is the Operations Manager at Ohio State University’s Wexner Medical Center and also Program Coordinator for The Center for Child Injury Prevention Studies (CChIPS), a National Science Foundation Industry and University Cooperative Research Center. CChIPS brings together researchers from the Injury Biomechanics Research Center (IBRC) at The Ohio State University, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and the University of Pennsylvania. Corwin researches methods to advance the safety of children, youth and young adults by facilitating the conduct of scientific inquiry into the causes and mechanisms of injury. The findings are applied through the creation of public education programs for prevention and include creation of the CPS program at Wexner Medical Center.

“Coming from a molecular genetics and microbiology background, I literally focused on the small picture, examining various ways people can be kept safe from things they can’t see,” Corwin said. “Upon joining the IBRC and CChIPS, I didn’t immediately have an appreciation for things that were researched on a macroscopic scale. However, after seeing the research and the impact it had on child passenger safety, my interest was piqued. I sought out ways to make a difference.

“I became a Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) to help educate caregivers on the importance of child passenger safety. When I became a mother in 2014, being a technician gave me peace of mind, knowing I was keeping my son as safe as possible in the car. My son is my biggest motivation to educate other caregivers.”

Corwin led the charge to create the ***Buckle Up with Brutus*** website, a valuable tool to compliment the medical center’s CPS program. One of her most memorable experiences with this project was helping to create a video to demonstrate the benefits of installing child safety seats rear-facing versus forward-facing. She was amazed when the video was viewed more than 13,000 times and went “viral” among child passenger safety technicians, spreading across the U.S. and into Canada.

The Board recognized Corwin with the honor of National CPS Technician of the Year and she also received a monetary award from AAA at the Lifesavers Conference in Long Beach, Calif., on April 2nd.

## **About the National Child Passenger Safety Board**

The National Child Passenger Safety Board, managed by the [National Safety Council](#), seeks to maintain the quality and integrity of the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program. The program is used to train and certify child passenger safety technicians and instructors. For more information about child passenger safety or the National CPS Board, please visit the Board's website at [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org).